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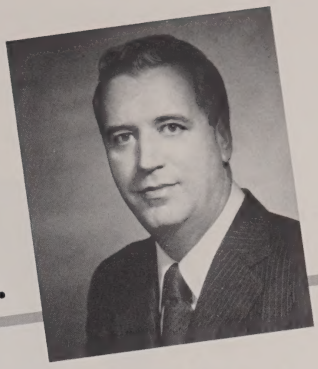
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .



TOWARD STOPPING THE CRUELTY - THE RIGHT COURSE

(From an address given by Arthur G. Slade at the World Congress for the Protection of Animals, May 31, 1984.)

In my view, the first step in setting the "Right Course" for the future is to evaluate what has gone before and where we are at present. Clearly we have seen varying degrees of success and failure in the past, and it is vital that we profit from both. I believe there are several areas of activity which can be of the greatest benefit to Animal Protection in the future. They must be done simultaneously.

Raising the Public's Awareness and Conscience on all the issues before us is no doubt the first priority. This applies no matter what the issue - whether it be Trapping, Sealing, Animal Control, Rearing of Livestock, Transportation or Animals in Motion Pictures. In so doing, we have the utmost responsibility to insure that we do this with an honest presentation of the facts - free of excessive emotion and unrelated issues which serve only to cloud the main issues and confuse the uninformed public.

This is not to say that emotions do not play an important role in our lives, because ours is an emotional profession, but such emotions must be held at a controlled level lest we be viewed as unresponsible. In other words, we must be honest, professional and reliable in our approach to Raising the Public Awareness, or our creditability is lost and we become part of the problem rather than part of the solution.

It is vital for any progress in the future that we have tremendous public awareness. We cannot hope to do it alone and thus we must work harder to build a greater level of support.

Closely akin is **True Education.** By this I mean a lasting attitude based on a way of life toward all creatures that is natural and humane by its very nature. This may seem hopeless in the face of some of our day to day problems, but it must continue to be a primary goal.

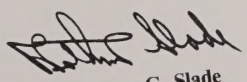
We must have a renewed effort for a new and revised body of laws at all levels of government which are meaningful, effective and based on sound facts. Vital to the success of any laws is the need that they be funded to a level of effective enforcement. Laws which have no real means of enforcement have little, if any, hope of benefit.

Perhaps we need to dream a bit about the future and look for new and different ways for international cooperation. There has been a wonderful spirit of interest at this World Congress, and I doubt that anyone will leave these meetings without feeling they are richer for having been here.

Is it possible in our life time to have an International Convention for the welfare of animals to bring about an International Treaty or Treaties for Animal Protection? This is not a new concept and certainly not without its problems, but it is not without its prospects as we look into the Future.

The Spirit generated at this first World Congress must not be lost. Let history record this as but the first step in a new era of World Wide Cooperation for Greater Understanding and a United Approach to Animal Protection.

May I wish you Godspeed and a safe journey.



Arthur G. Slade
President

ANNUAL MEETING 1984

League president Arthur G. Slade presents awards to Senator George Bachrach (above) and (below) to John Carvello, accepting for Representative Raymond Jordan. At right, he and John C. Hatch, chairman of the board, unveil a plaque identifying the renovated shelter as "The Robert W. Marks Pet Adoption Center."

Two Massachusetts legislators were honored at the League's annual meeting, Thursday, April 26, and plans to expand the League's facilities in Boston and Dedham were presented to the Members and friends attending.

Senator George Bachrach (Dem. Watertown) and Representative Raymond Jordan (Dem. Springfield), co-chairmen of the Commonwealth's committee on counties, were presented with the League's Certificate of Appreciation for "their leadership efforts to repeal the 26-year old Pound Seizure Law."

In presenting the awards, Arthur G. Slade, League president, extended the League's respect and appreciation to both men, noting that they had "worked hard and long to produce an appropriate bill." In accepting the award, Senator Bachrach observed that many members of the League had also worked hard in organizing grass-root efforts to make legislators realize that this issue could no longer be ignored. "I am delighted to have played a small part in this effort," he said. Accepting the award on behalf of Representative Jordan was legislative assistant John Carvello who was also deeply involved in the successful passage of this important legislation.

In his President's Message, Mr. Slade announced that in recognition of the kindness of major benefactor Robert W. Marks to the League, the newly renovated adoption center at Boston headquarters will be named in his memory. He unveiled a bronze plaque identifying the facility as "The Robert W. Marks Pet Adoption Center."

Mr. Slade also announced plans for a new adoption shelter in Dedham, which are described in detail on page six, and noted that, during 1983, the League's 84th year of service, there was an increase in memberships, adoptions, and the number of lost pets returned to their owners, as well as a substantial increase in prosecutions by the law enforcement department.

Guest speaker Richard W. Bryant, executive assistant at the League, outlined features of the Boston shelter renovation program, a six-month project designed to make the facility "one of the finest, large inner-city shelters in the country." Upon completion, he stated, "We will have doubled the capacity of the Pet Adoption Center which will allow us to increase our adoption rate substantially." Members were then invited to tour the shelter area where renovations were nearing completion.

Expressing appreciation to members, friends and staff, Mr. Slade said: "All of our activities have been made possible by the generosity and support of friends and members. We are also particularly blessed in having a staff, both here and at our branches, whose exceptional devotion makes what we do possible."

NEW LEAGUE SHELTER

TO SERVE SOUTH SUBURBAN RESIDENTS

This summer the League will begin construction of a new animal adoption shelter in Dedham which, when completed, will be the only facility of its kind in the Dedham and South Shore area.

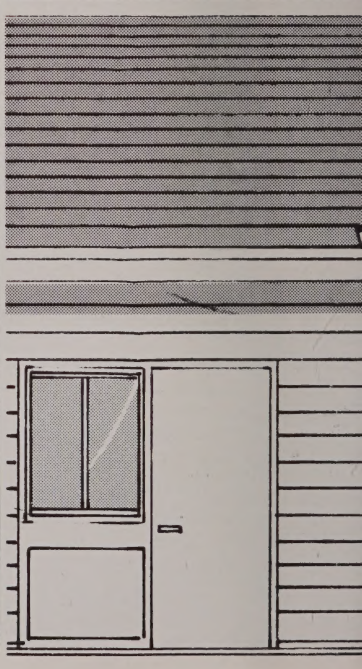
"We anticipate that this new shelter, which will be readily accessible to Route 128, will provide for the first time a convenient location for people in the southern suburban communities to adopt pets from a full-service humane society without having to drive into the city," according to Arthur G. Slade, president of the League.

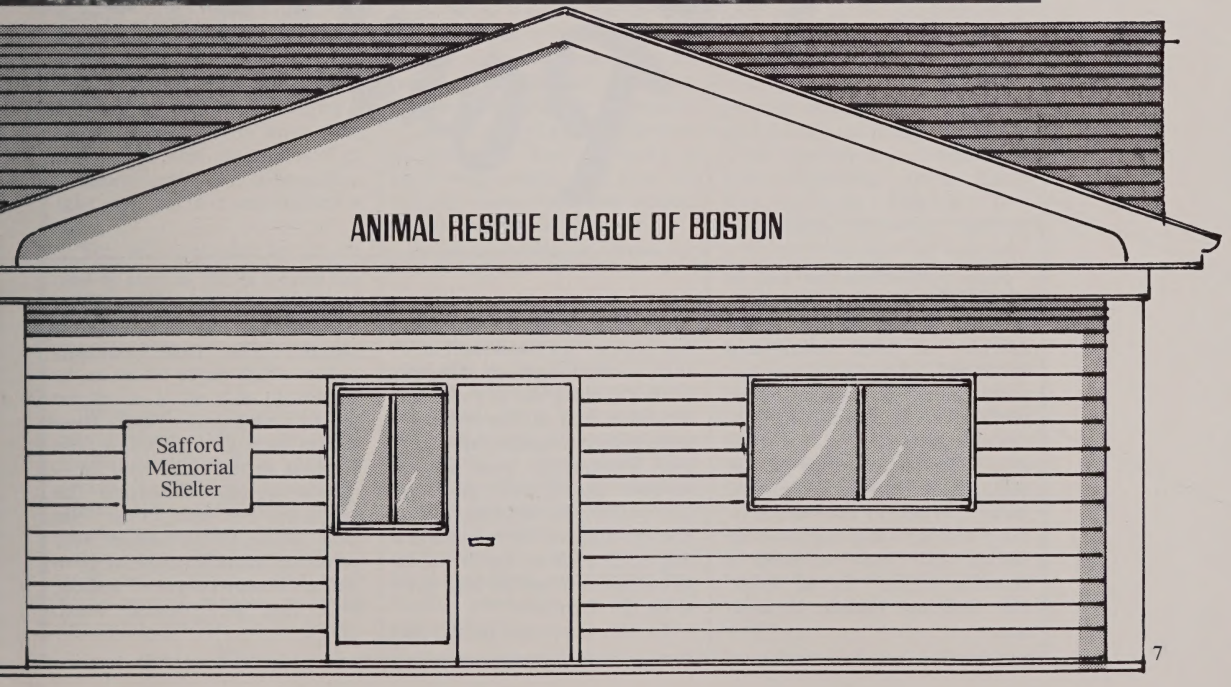
The new facility will be named The Safford Memorial Shelter for Dogs in memory of Ruth Appleton Perkins Safford and her husband, Captain Laurance Frye Safford, U.S.N. A former Massachusetts resident and professional artist, Mrs. Safford was a long-time friend of the League who died two years ago, leaving a substantial bequest to the League for the establishment of such a shelter.

The Safford Memorial Shelter will be located on the League's 22-acre property on Pine Street in Dedham, which is the site of the Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals. Opened in 1907, Pine Ridge is the oldest animal cemetery operated by a humane organization in the United States. With winding paths, decorative gardens and large pine and flowering trees, the grounds offer a quiet oasis for visitors seeking pets. The shelter will be set back from the road, and both earthen and acoustical sound barrier fences will be constructed by the new shelter to further reduce any noise in the area.

The construction plans call for the complete renovation of an existing building which formerly housed an office and workshop area for Pine Ridge, plus the creation of a new kennel wing that will accommodate the dog adoption area. The new wing will provide 12 large indoor-outdoor pens with runs to shelter a maximum of 24 animals. The renovated area will house the office, new kennel kitchen, a small pet adoption kennel room and a pet holding and examination room. Health care for the pets at the Dedham shelter, most of which will come down from Boston headquarters after receiving complete medical examinations, will be under the supervision of Keith Hopkins, D.V.M., director of veterinary medicine at the League.

Along with construction of the new shelter, the League will also be making other improvements to the grounds, including widening the driveway and creating a new parking area. Construction is scheduled to begin in early summer and the Safford Memorial Shelter should be completed some time in the fall.

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Whether you spend the summer lounging in your backyard or on more adventurous trips to campsites, beaches or even foreign countries, prolonged heat spells and other summer hazards can spell discomfort or even danger for the fourfooted friends in your family. With just a little extra effort, you can help your pets weather the summer in good health and good spirits.

Summer Pet Care Pointers

Go by the Book!

Some publications that may be helpful to you in planning your trip include "Touring with Towser", a directory of 2,000 independent hotels and motels, plus nine national chains, that welcome pets, published by the Gaines Dog Care Center in Kankakee, Ill. For those who prefer to leave their pets at home, these publications may be useful: "Where to Buy, Board or Train a Dog," also published by Gaines, and "How to Select a Boarding Kennel" by the American Boarding Kennels Association.

Danger: Hot Dog

If you are tempted to leave your dog in a car "for just a short time" while you do the grocery shopping, or take a quick dip at the beach, remember that in hot weather a parked car can quickly heat up to oven temperatures, even with the windows slightly open. In 85 degree weather, for example, it takes just ten minutes for the temperature inside a car to rise to 102 degrees, and only half an hour for it to hit 120 degrees.

To help concerned people alert pet owners to the dangers of leaving an animal alone in a car, the League has available, free of charge, "Hot Dog" reminder notices which can be placed on the windshield of a car in which you see an unattended animal. These notices carry first aid instructions for heat stroke along with information on how dangerous this practice is. For copies of the "Hot Dog" notice, send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, Mass. 02117.

Pests that Plague Pets

Whether you are taking your dog or cat on a camping trip or just a romp at the local park, beware of summer pests that can ruin an outing for a pet and infest your home as well.

Ticks top the list of unwelcome warm weather visitors. Though more prevalent in the country, ticks can live anywhere near trees, bushes or wooded areas, so city dogs are also at risk to ticks. These blood sucking parasites, once fastened on to an animal with their hook-like beaks, are difficult to remove. Daily grooming and careful inspection is a must.

The best way to remove a tick is to swab it with alcohol, and use a tweezer to lift the parasite off, making sure that the head does not remain imbedded in the skin. Ticks cause itching and skin irritations, and are also known to carry Rocky Mountain spotted fever which can be transmitted to humans. Once your dog has been infested, it's best to follow up the manual grooming with one of the commercial tick sprays or dips on the market, to remove the tiny seed ticks which are too small to spot and remove manually.

Bees and skunks are two other summer pests that plague pets. A cold compress should be applied to a bee sting to reduce swelling, and a pain killing ointment applied to alleviate discomfort. If swelling is severe, follow up with warm compresses. If there are any signs of weakness or difficulty in breathing, take your pet to a veterinarian at once.

The best treatment for an encounter with a skunk is a bath in tomato juice, followed by a soap and water scrub and a rinse.

Cooling Off Indoors

When you go out and leave your pet at home, with the air conditioning turned off to conserve energy, remember to give your pet access to the cooler areas of the house, the basement or the bathroom where tile floors make a great cooling off spot. Also, don't forget to open windows or leave a fan on to circulate the air.

Treating Heat Stroke

If you suspect that an animal is suffering from heat stroke, move it to a cool spot immediately and lower the body temperature by sponging it with cool water, or immersing the animal in a cool, shallow bath. You can help restore circulation by massaging the joints. Frequent sips of cool — not cold — water will also help lower the body temperature. Consult a veterinarian if the animal does not return to normal in a short time.

Symptoms that may indicate heat stroke include heavy panting, a rapid pulse, weakness, a staggering gait and warm, dry skin. Dogs and cats will also frequently exhibit a strange facial expression, either glazed and staring or anxious.

The Foorfooted Hotel Guest

When you arrive at your vacation site, whether it is a hotel, motel or campsite, show consideration for your fellow travelers by setting some firm rules for your pets. Never let a dog or cat run loose, and don't leave your pet alone in a hotel room for any length of time. If you do step outside for a moment, leave a note for the maid warning that there is an animal inside. Also, be prepared to cover the costs of any damage your pet may cause. Your willingness to show responsibility for your pet will help ensure that other animals will be welcome in the future.

Noonday Sun? Cool It!

In the hot weather, it makes sense to plan exercise periods for your dog in the early morning or evening hours when temperatures are lowest. Never leave a pet outdoors all day in the summer without access to shade. Keep fresh cool water accessible, preferably in a heavy, weighted bowl so that the water dish cannot be tipped over and spilled. For problems caused by sun and heat, particularly heat stroke, prevention is the most reliable cure.

Planning a Trip?

With many hotels and motels now welcoming fourfooted guests, more people than ever are choosing to make their holiday trips a real vacation by taking their dog or cat along.

If you are contemplating a vacation trip with a pet, there are several things you can do in advance to make traveling more comfortable for all concerned. Since getting there is half the battle, your mode of transportation is the first thing to consider.

Whether you plan to go by car or plane, be sure to find out what papers and health certificates are required to transport an animal to another state or country. Proof of an up-to-date rabies inoculation is usually necessary, and you can find out about other requirements through the tourist office at your place of destination.

On the Road or In the Air

If you plan to travel by car, be sure your pet is accustomed to automobile travel well in advance of the trip. If you have a young puppy, introduce it to the new experience with several short trips to get it used to the feeling of motion. If car sickness is a problem, ask your veterinarian about giving your dog or cat a sedative to prevent nausea. A roomy, comfortable carrier is a must for a cat during an automobile trip.

For those who are planning to fly, the first step is to check with a number of airlines well in advance of a planned trip, since policies on transporting animals do vary. Some airlines will allow a limited number of pets to fly in the passenger cabins, but these places are alloted on a first come basis, and most animals are transported in the baggage compartments which are pressurized and heat controlled. Sturdy travelling kennels can usually be purchased from the airline.

LEAGUE JOINS POLICE IN

Dramatic Dog Rescue

After receiving several complaints about dogs that were being mistreated and neighbors that had been bitten by dogs living in a house on Athens Street in South Boston, Animal Rescue League officers and agents joined the Boston Police in a raid on the triple-decker in early May.

Inside, they found 21 dogs, mongrels of all shapes and sizes but all in poor condition, that were being kept by 73-year old Mary Rochalska. The animals were living in obviously unsanitary conditions, according to Richard W. Bryant, executive assistant at the League. "Two of the dogs required immediate medical care, and all were infested with parasites," he noted. Five of the dogs were puppies, and all 11 female animals were pregnant. One of the adult dogs later had to be put to sleep, and one of the puppies died.

Mrs. Rochalska, who fought with the officers attempting to rescue the dogs, was charged with assault and battery on a police officer, harboring vicious dogs, cruelty to animals and keeping a kennel without a license. "Some of the dogs were nasty and hard to handle," said Richard Bryant in a *Boston Herald* interview. "But they've just had a rough life," he added.

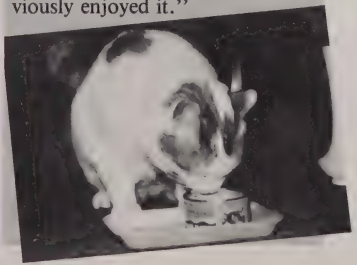
The dogs are being cared for at the League pending court action early this summer, after which time those that have been restored to health will be available for adoption.

PETS IN THE PICTURE

Kenneth and Gloria Colby of Arlington, who adopted their cat from the League in April, 1983, write: "She has grown into a beautiful cat. We are enclosing a picture, but the picture doesn't do her justice...she is healthy and thriving."

Mildred Greig of Roslindale sends along this photo of "Chap," the latest addition to her family which already included two cats and a dog. "I keep them all in a fenced yard, or indoors, and when I go to the store I drive the dogs with me — they love that!"

Here "Sunshine," who was adopted three years ago from the League's Sheldon Branch in Salem by Frances Rowe of Lynn, enjoys his birthday dinner. "He celebrated his birthday with a can of crab meat, while I had meat loaf," his owner writes. "Oh well, he obviously enjoyed it."



International Humane Leaders Gather in Boston

Over 400 representatives of animal welfare organizations from 37 countries throughout the world gathered in Boston this May for the six-day World Congress on Animal Protection, a unique opportunity to share and explore international issues affecting animal health and well-being.

A major aim of the world-wide humane movement, according to John Walsh, Western Hemisphere director for the World Society for the Protection of Animals which sponsored the Congress, is the enactment of animal protection laws. These either do not exist in some foreign countries, or the local officials do not have the power to enforce them. Quoted in an article in the *Boston Globe*, Walsh stated: "What we have been able to do here is tell these local organizations to be our eyes. We can put the power and influence of the worldwide organization behind them."

Topics discussed at the meeting, which was held at the Park Plaza Hotel, ranged from animal abuse in the entertainment industry, rabies control, and medical experimentation to large-scale commercial issues such as factory farming of livestock and fur-bearing animals, and efforts to save endangered species.

The keynote speaker at the World Congress was Roger Caras, ABC television correspondent and animal welfare advocate. League president Arthur G. Slade spoke in a forum titled "Toward Stopping Cruelty," and the Animal Rescue League joined with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in co-hosting the President's Reception, Monday evening, May 28. Wireless headsets were used at the meeting for simultaneous translation of all presentations in four languages: French, German, Spanish and English.

Addressing World Congress delegates are Arthur G. Slade, League president; John [illegible] tor; and Christine Stevens, Animal Welfare Institute.

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ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH OBSERVED IN JUNE

The Animal Rescue League joined 700 shelters and humane societies across the nation in observing June as Adopt-a-Cat Month, sponsored nationally by the American Humane Association to focus attention on the thousands of homeless kittens born each spring that are in desperate need of homes. This photo of a young girl picking out a new feline friend at the League was distributed to newspapers throughout the state to encourage people to pick out a purr-fect pet at their local animal shelter.

ANIMAL CONTROL SEMINAR HELD AT TUFTS

Animal control experts from across the country participated in a seminar hosted by Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in May, aimed at evaluating and identifying the most effective means of reducing stray animal populations, as well as the numbers of unwanted household pets. Participants discussed the relative merits of enforcement, education and spay and neuter programs, with most members concluding that the primary need was for adequate and effective education and enforcement programs, supported by a low cost spay and neuter program. One solution proposed to the problem of inadequate data on the pet population was the inclusion of a question on the 1990 census form dealing with the numbers of dogs and cats people have as pets.

EMILY THE ELEPHANT HAS A NEW HOME

An eight-hour telethon in New Bedford, carried on a local cable television channel and two radio stations as well, raised over $85,000, more than enough to bring a banished elephant home again to New Bedford's Buttonwood Zoo. In 1983, Emily was sent from the New Bedford zoo to the Baton Rouge, La. Zoo after federal officials declared that her aging wood-frame pen was unfit for habitation. The money raised will be used to build Emily a new steel and concrete heated pen, complete with pool. Because the fund drive exceeded its $70,000 goal, the excess dollars will be used to buy Emily a mate to keep her company in her spacious new quarters.

A ROYAL WELCOME FOR AMBASSADOR'S DOG

When British Ambassador Oliver Miles was recalled from Libya to London in April, after Britain broke relations with Libya, he left behind a pet rabbit, Honeybun, and a mongrel dog named Hattie. A weekly newspaper, *The Mail,* brought the rabbit back to London some time ago, and now has succeeded in finding a plush home for Hattie, who had been left with a Libyan gardener. The newspaper announced in late May that Hattie was being flown to the royal palace of Monaco to take up residence as the pet of Princess Antoinette, sister of the principality's ruler.

STILL TIME TO ENROLL IN ANIMAL FRIENDS SUMMER SCHOOL

The Animal Friends Summer School, held each year by the League at Cataumet on Cape Cod, opens its 1984 season on July 2. There are still a limited number of openings in the second session which runs four weeks, from July 23 through August 17, Monday to Friday, in half-day sessions. Youngsters who have completed kindergarten through age 13 are eligible for admission to the program which offers an opportunity to learn about animal life first hand and enjoy a wide range of animal and nature related activities. Registration fee is $60 for session II (four weeks). For information, write Director, Animal Friends Summer School, P.O. Box 800, North Falmouth, Mass. 02556.

HELP IN CARING FOR SMALL PETS

Gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs and other small animals make great pets, but each has special requirements for proper care. For those who are raising small animals as pets, or thinking about adopting one or more, the League has just published a newly revised pamphlet on the care of small animals, containing up-to-date, easy to read information on diet, housing needs, habits and health care. For a free copy, send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to Animal Rescue League of Boston, P.O. Box 265, Boston, Mass. 02117.

Current Movies

The American Humane Association has established the following motion picture classification standards to provide a reliable and serviceable film guide for parents and others interested in assessing the impact of a given film:

Acceptable: American Humane was on location to monitor animal action and to ensure humane treatment. Scenes appearing to endanger animals are simulated.

Believed Acceptable: The Association was not on location to monitor animal action, but after screening or script review, American Humane representatives concluded the film producer complied with Association standards and intentions.

Questionable: American Humane personnel not on the scene. Animal action and treatment is in doubt.

Unacceptable: Outright cruelty to animals during production.

Acceptable

Friday, the 13th, Part IV, Paramount Pictures (Not for the squeamish, however)

Gremlins, Warner Brothers

Playing With Fire, New World Pictures

Rhinestone, Twentieth Century Fox

Believed Acceptable

Bo Derek's Bolero, Cannon Group, Inc.

Firestarter, Universal Pictures

Fleshburn, Crown International

Phar Lap, a Hoyts Distribution release by Twentieth Century Fox

Sahara, MGM/United Artist Entertainment

Up the Creek, Orion Pictures Corporation

Unacceptable

Antarctica, Kurahara Production for 20th Classics

Heart of the Stag, produced in New Zealand (a U.S. distribution company still to be announced)

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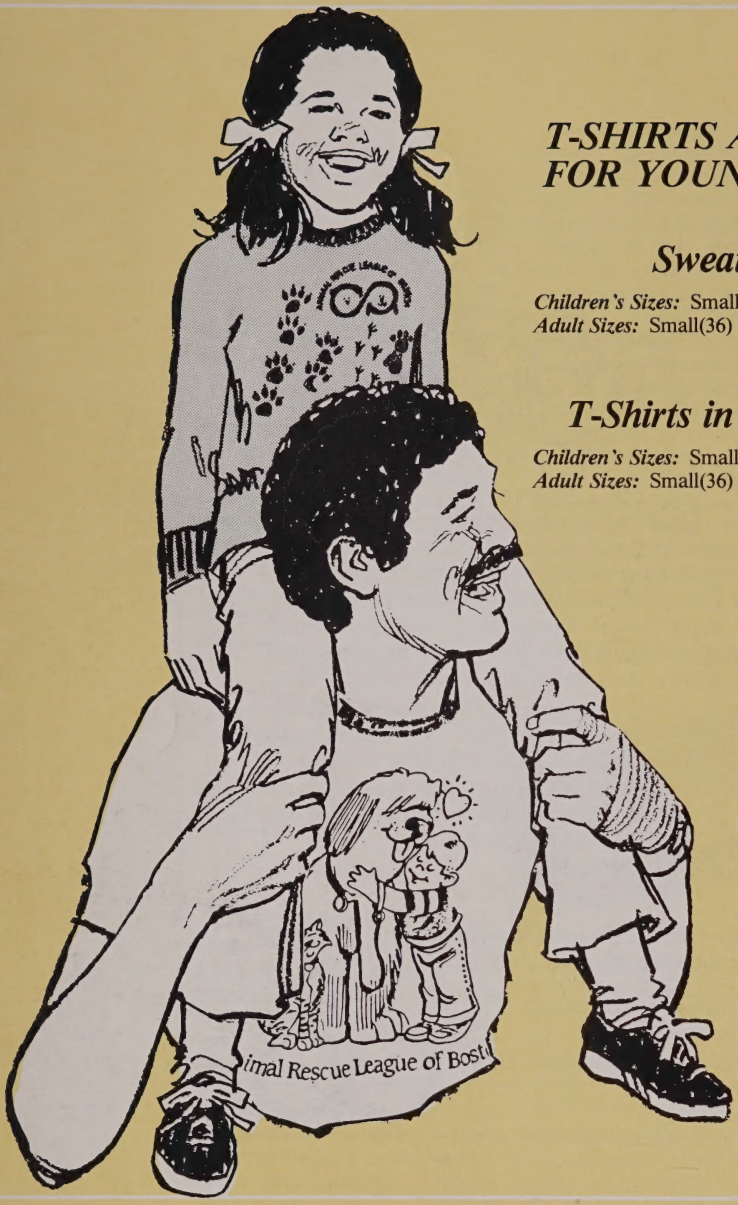

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